PRINCE ROBERT HIS Proceedings with His MAJESTIES Army in BERKSHIRE:

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The true Copie of a Letter sent from a Gentleman in Newberie *in* Berkshire, *containing these Particulars following:* viz.

1 That (by Secretary NICHOLAS his report) His Majesty intends to march with His Army into Sussex, Kent and Essex, or to Salisbury and Southampton in the West Parts.

2 That the Parliament hath petitioned His Majesty for a treaty of peace by the Earles of Northumberland and Pembroke, and some Members of the Commons.

3 The number of His Majesties Army, and the number of His soldiers billeted in diverse places.

4 The effect of Prince ROBERTS Warrants for contribution, with the quantity of money which is coyned travelling upon wheels, first invented by Leniell His Majesties Engineer.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF PRINCE ROBERT with His MAJESTIES Army in BERKSHIRE:

BEING

The copie of a Letter sent from Newberie *in Berkshire to a Gentleman in* London.

Right Worthy Sir,

I Cannot but be obliged unto you for your continuall favours towards me and my son Robert at Lincolns Inne: I have understood by your Letters the forwardnesse of the City of London, and

the ſtrength of men, ordnance, and other implements of implements of engines in all places, for the reſiſting of His Majeſties Forces. I confeſſe poſſeſsion is 11. points of the Law, ſo their managing the city with ſtrength is a ſure ground of reſiſtance, but I believe to little purpoſe; for on tueſday I rid to Oxford, and through thouſands of His Majeſties Army, which exceeds the number of your relation, and having ſpent the day in the city, I came late to my home at Newberie, and there was no injury offered me by the way, or had forceably taken from me the value of a point, though it hath been related that neither horſmen nor footmen, waggon or carrier can travell about their occaſions, but the ſoldiers make them their prey: I can aſſure you they are kept in good order, without doing pillage, as is related. And to come to my former diſcourſe, when I came to Oxford, I ſaw at the leaſt fifty burials following one another, and in an houres reſpit as many more, which I conceived were the corps of ſome that were ſlaine in the laſt fight. After this

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I came to my Inne at the Katherine-Wheel, and I chanced upon Secretary Nicholas, with whom I drank my part of a pint of wine, and entring into discourse, I gathered, that neither the King or his Nephew have any intent to come to London, but that they will passe the river at Henley, and so march into Sussex and Kent, and from thence into Essex, where his Maiesty is assured of a great party, if not for the present in those Easterne parts, that then it is his Maiesties pleasure to go to Salisbury and Southampton, where he expects great aid from Hopton, Stowell, and others in the West Countrey. M. Secretary Nicholas told me, that Sir John Killagrew came with a message from the Parliament to petition His Maiesty that the Earles of Pembroke and Northumberland might have admittance to parley concerning a treatie of peace, and that his Maiesty was graciously pleased to accept thereof, provided that none before excepted in his Maiesties Declaration dated the twelfth of August, presume to trouble his Maiesty upon paine

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of death, and that the Commiſsioners exceed not above 20. at the moſt. He certified me likewiſe, that his Majeſties Forces are a great many more then ſome of your Pamphlets made mention. I cannot but believe of a greater number, for they were billeted full ten miles in length, and three miles in breadth, you may judge how they were diſperſed; for at Wallingford there lay a thouſand ſouldiers, at Twiford and Ockingham a thouſand; and on tueſday night laſt they were both pillaged, as alſo Reding hath been pillaged of at leaſt five thouſand yards of cloth, beſides other things of worth; which happened by the falſe-heartedneſſe of each other in the ſaid towne, and none elſe, as I can heare of about us: diverſe Troupes of horſe and Foot-companies are billeted at Thetcham, Wellington, and about, beſides great ſtore at Newberie, and many pettie Villages thereabouts, and the ſouldiers at Oxford and Abbington. Prince Robert hath ſent a partie to Windſore to demand the towne and Caſtle, but the meſſengers had a repulſe,

pulſe, and were told by the Parliaments Forces which were billeted there, that the Prince ſhould win it and weare it: and thus much I can aſſure you; for I had it from the Secretaries own mouth.

There is one maine thing which I have omitted, and that is, the multitude of Warrants which have iſſued forth under the command of Prince Robert to all places within twenty miles of his Army, it runs in the nature of Generall Leſley his Warrants at his entring of New-Caſtle, commanding all men to provide and bring to his Army all manner of food and ſuſtenance for his ſouldiers reliefe, as alſo that the countrey provide both horſe and men for the aſsiſting of him in the ſaid warre, and that all thoſe that wil not aſsiſt him, to pay a contribution of money for their refuſall.

And this is the effect of the ſaid Warrants, as I can rightly underſtand. Plate and money is brought to his Majeſty in abundance, and the Coyners of his treaſure

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carried upon wheeles, and coyne money travelling. It is a moſt excellent inventi-on of Leniell His Majeſties Engineere, whom we thought to have beene cut off in the laſt fight at Kinton. And ſo I wiſh you and yours health, leaving you to Gods protection, and reſt,

Newberie, Novemb. 4. 1642.

Your faithfull friend,
ANTHONY VAUX.